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SUBJ: FOURTH OF JULY IN KABUL: A PRETTY GOOD SHOW AFTER ALL

1. SUMMARY. IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE, AND,
IN FACT, WAS NOT ALL THAT BAD. END SUMMARY.

2. AFGHAN TREATMENT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL DAY WAS
GENERALLY IN LINE WITH, BUT IN SOME RESPECTS EXCEEDED,
THAT ACCORDED OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES RECENTLY. OUR
AFTERNOON RECEPTION ATTRACTED THREE MEMBERS OF THE
CABINET: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
HAFIZULLAH AMIN (NOW THE SECOND MOST POLITICALLY POWERFUL
MAN IN THE COUNTRY); MINES AND INDUSTRIES MINISTER MOHAMMAD
ISMAIL DANESH; AND, MINISTER OF COMMERCE ABDUL QUDUS
GHORBANDI. OTHER SUCH RECEPTIONS BY WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE USUALLY
ATTRACTED ONLY ONE CABINET LEVEL OFFICIAL. DEPUTY MINISTERS,
THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, EIGHT MINISTRY OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE, AND OTHER "TOILERS" ALSO ATTENDED. IN GENERAL, THE
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OFFICIAL TURNOUT EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS,
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE PATENTLY PRO-SOVIET
PUBLIC LINE THE REGIME HAS PURSUED OF LATE.

3. PRESS TREATMENT OF JULY 4 INCLUDED A FRONT-
PAGE PICTURE OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WITH THE
USUAL NOTICE THAT AN OFFICIAL CONGRATULATORY CABLE

HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM BY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN TARAHI. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
KABUL TIMES OPENED WITH A NOD TO OUR OWN REVOLUTION "MORE THAN
TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO", DWELT EXTENSIVELY ON THE SIMILARITIES
BETWEEN 1776 AND THE EVENTS OF APRIL 27, 1978
(BOTH WERE ALLEGEDLY REVOLUTIONS AGAINST COLONIALISM),
AND MENTIONED ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ASSIS-
TANCE WHICH THE U.S. HAD BEEN PROVIDING AFGHANISTAN
OVER THE YEARS. THE COMMENTARY CLOSED WITH THE STANDARD
LINE REGARDING AFGHAN DESIRE FOR FURTHER STRINGLESS
ECONOMIC AID, AND WISHED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FURTHER
SUCCESS "IN THEIR EFFORTS FOR PEACE, COOPERATION
AMONG ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, AND PROSPERITY OF
MANKIND." THE DARI-LANGUAGE ANIS EDITORIAL WAS MORE POSITIVE,
AND EMPHASIZED AMERICA'S ACHIEVEMENTS DURING OUR 200 YEARS
OF INDEPENDENCE.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF THE DELUGE OF SOVIET DELE-
GATIONS VISITING AFGHANISTAN, THE PLETHORA OF AGREE-
MENTS REACHED WITH MOSCOW, AND THE HACKNEYED LEFTIST
LANGUAGE IN THE MEDIA FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS, THE
RELATIVELY POSITIVE PUBLIC TREATMENT WE RECEIVED
WAS MORE THAN WE EXPECTED, AND ACTUALLY BORDERED
ON THE NON-ALIGNMENT WHICH THIS REGIME PROFESSES
TO SUPPORT SO STRONGLY.

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